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Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one month to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on October 11, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

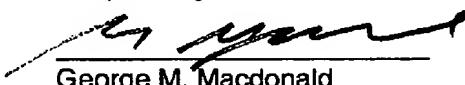
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A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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